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Employee Becomes Advocate Following Personal Loss

Linda Panagoulis suffered a devastating loss last year when her five-year-old son, Austin, died as a result of Prader-Willi Syndrome.

Panagoulis, a recreation specialist in the County Recreation Department's sports division, was forced to learn firsthand about this rare, debilitating disease which is characterized by obesity, decreased muscle tone and mental capacity. Prader-Willi Syndrome is typically detected at birth and appears sporadically in families. It is extremely uncommon and the exact cause is not understood.

As a result of her own experiences in dealing with her son's illness and her knowledge of the limitations placed on children with special needs, Panagoulis was able to turn her grief into something positive. She established a non-profit, charitable organization in Austin's memory to assist children with special needs and their families.

The goals of the new organization – called "Austin's Angel Fund" – are to purchase adaptive equipment not covered by insurance; research available grants; assist the Developmental Disabilities Administration with grant funding for special needs families; support an adaptive playground initiative; and support efforts to provide adequate daycare for the special needs population.

Austin was enrolled in a special needs program at Lake Seneca Elementary School and in his memory the PTA was able to secure a \$75,000 grant from the State of Maryland for the school. The grant will cover the purchase and installation of accessible and integrated play equipment, which will serve more than 400 children each day.

For more information about Austin's Angel Fund, or to make a donation, call 301-706-7661.

Bring Your Daughters (and Sons) to Work

This year's "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" program will be held on Thursday, April 26. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. in the EOB cafeteria, followed by a continental breakfast and opening ceremonies.

This year's program is geared for children between the ages of 9 and 15. They will be bussed to the county's Public Safety Training Academy, where they will share hands-on experience with fire-rescue personnel. Participants will have the opportunity to test their physical abilities on the same equipment used to test candidates for fire-rescue jobs. They'll also try out the equipment used to train search-and-rescue workers, and see the "jaws of life" which are used to extract people trapped in wrecked cars. Students should come dressed for physical activity.

The deadline for registration is April 20. For more information, call 301-279-8301, or visit www.co.mo.md.us/cfw and click on Take Our Daughters to Work Day.

New Merit Protection Board Members

The members of the Merit System Protection Board for 2001 are: Harold D. Kessler serving as chairperson, Robert C. Hamilton as vice chair and Brenson E. Long as an associate member.

The board's mission is to oversee the County's merit system and to protect employees' rights under the system.

Offices of the Merit System Protection Board are located in the Council Office Building, room 113. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In Memoriam

Sonny Dorsey, Supervisor of Security staff in the EOB, passed away on January 27, after suffering a massive heart attack.

Dorsey, 56, had worked as a security officer for Montgomery County for more than 27 years.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene King-Dorsey, two daughters and one stepson.

Employee Resources On-Line

The County's Office of Human Resources has added several new applications to both its Internet and Intranet web sites. County employees should take a minute and check out what's available.

Employees logging onto www.montgomerycountyjobs.com, will find several new items, including "The Resources Library," which contains more than 600 personnel files, class specifications, dental claim forms, training class schedules and the Diversity Management Plan. Also found on this web site is "The Resume Builder" and e-mail lists which allow County employees to subscribe and receive e-mails about important benefit and retirement information.

The County's Intranet, which is available to employees only, has also added several new items. Log onto <http://portal.mcgov.org/Ohr> and learn about the internship bank and employment opportunities for employees.

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Council Members and Staff Show Generous Holiday Spirit - Every holiday season, the County Council and its staff organize a charity campaign to benefit worthy organizations. This past year's campaign raised \$2,250 and benefited the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) association; the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill; and the Avon Breast Cancer 3-day walk. Pictured above (l to r): Joan Dye and Pat Freiberg, ALS Association; Blair Ewing, Council President; MaryAnn McGuire; Jackie Hawksford; Cheryl Brite; Gail Street; Christy Hiler; Sherry Kinikin; and Steve Farber.

Summer Camps For Kids

When school lets out, you probably won't want your kids to sit around and watch so much TV that they begin to resemble the furniture. Instead, offer them a rewarding and memorable summer by sending them to one of many camps available from the County Recreation Department.

There are a variety of day camps located throughout the County,

guaranteed to offer almost any child excitement and adventure. More than 100 different camps are offered with programs including art, theater, sports, nature, gymnastics and general day camps. The camp directory can be picked up at County libraries, government and recreation centers.

For more information, or to request a copy of the directory, call 240-777-6930.

Overheard On the Elevator

Congratulations to **RITA HOWARD**, who was recently promoted to the position of Division Chief in the Department of Recreation, overseeing personnel, automation, finance, community relations and special events. Also, **LORI TYER-ELLIS**, was promoted to Recreation Specialist on the Camps team after serving two years on a PACE assignment with the Special Events team.

The Overtimes wishes a fond farewell to **JOHN CLARK**, Department of Public Works and Transportation, who has retired from County service after 26 years.

TRACY STUGER, Commission for Women, was selected as the 2001 Young Careerist by the Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's organization. This program recognizes the accomplishments of successful young women and men between the ages of 25 and 35. Stuger was nominated for this title by Judith Vaughan-Prather, executive director of the Commission for Women,

who called her "a most competent and effective professional."

Congratulations to **DAVID NEWCOMER**, Inspector General's office, who recently completed training with the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and was awarded the designation of Certified Fraud Examiner.

DONNA MATHERS, EOB Security Shift Supervisor, recently found a surprise in her mail. Mathers, who has been serving as a "platoon mom" to deployed U.S. soldiers serving in Kosovo, was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from the commanding officer of the CIMIC Battalion, thanking her for "her efforts in providing donated items for humanitarian relief..."

Once again, showing true holiday spirit, employees in the **DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS** came together to hold their eighth annual charity auction to benefit Children's Hospital. The auction raised more than \$3,300 this year.

Familiar Faces in New Places

Four long-time County employees with more than 65 years of County service between them, have recently been promoted to new positions and are taking on new responsibilities within their departments.



Scott Reilly has been named Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and will assist the CAO in coordinating department operations.

Reilly comes to his new position after serving seven years as Planning Implementation Section Manager for the County Executive. In that position, he coordinated Executive Branch positions on growth, land use and development issues. Prior to that, Reilly worked in the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Named as the new Director of the Upcounty Regional Services Center was **Catherine Matthews**, filling the position vacated by Steve Poteat when he retired in December. Matthews, who served as assistant director for the past



14 years, will coordinate public service delivery in the upcounty.



Edgar Gonzalez was recently named deputy director for Transportation Policy in a newly created position within the Department of Public Works and

Transportation. In his new role, Gonzalez will develop transportation plans, policies and programs to guide the activities of the department and ensure that its functions are carried out in an integrated and coordinated fashion. Gonzalez has been with the County for 22 years, most recently serving as Chief of the Division of Engineering Services.

Finally, the division of Facilities and Services has appointed **Wayne Nebel** as the new chief of the Facilities Maintenance and Operations Section. Nebel, who started his career with the County almost 27 years ago, has served for the past 12 years as an area manager for the Maintenance and Operations Section in DFS. In his new position, he will be responsible for maintenance and property management in all County-owned and some leased facilities.



And You Thought the Library Just Had Books

The Rockville Regional Library has a lot more to offer its patrons than just books. Stop by and pick up a book on tape or CD. Elec-

tronic versions of printed books – eBooks – are available from any personal computer that is connected to the Internet. Are you in the market for learning a foreign language? If so, check out some instructional audio and videotapes. The library also has tapes to help people who want to learn English.

The Rockville Library is home to several resource centers, including the Children's Resource Center, which con-



tains materials of interest to child care providers, teachers and parents; the Small Business Development Center which offers services

and resources to assist the business community; and Rockville's Job Information Center, providing information on writing resumes and cover letters, and help in finding jobs.

The library has 22 internet terminals, two word processing stations and a professional staff dedicated to helping patrons access information. Check out the libraries' website at: www.montgomerylibrary.org

HR Notes Office of Human Resources

When a Dependent Becomes 19

High school and college graduations will soon be taking place, and parents are reminded that the County's health insurance plans cover dependent children over age 19 (up to age 26) if they are full-time students or disabled. If a dependent child between ages 19 and 26 will no longer be a full-time student, please notify OHR at 240-777-5000 to find out how to request continued health insurance coverage under COBRA.

Health Yourself Video and Resource Center

Borrow a fitness or wellness video or pick up printed materials on a variety of health topics. It's free at the Health Yourself Resource Center, 401 Fleet St., Suite 103. Call 240-777-5092 for more information.

www.savingsbonds.gov

If you have savings bonds or have questions about them, check out the Treasury Department's web site for more information (www.savingsbonds.gov). You'll find easy-to-read information statements and on-line calculators to determine the value of those savings bonds you already own. The site will also help you plan a savings strategy. You can also call 1-800-4US BOND for recorded rate information, or write to: U.S. Savings Bonds, Parkersburg, WV 26016-1328.

Sign and Date Personnel Forms

When you submit a form to OHR for processing, please remember to include your Social Security number and to sign and date the form. The Social Security number is needed to locate your record in the system. The signature is your authorization of the new information and the date is important to determine the latest information submitted.

Blood Drive April 11

Please help. Blood donations are urgently needed. A blood drive will be held Wednesday, April 11, in the EOB lobby auditorium from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call Occupational Medical Services at 240-777-5155 to schedule an appointment.

TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT – Olney. Two-bdr., 1½ bath, end unit. New appliances, convenient location, access to pool, tennis & party room. \$898/month + electricity. Call 240-777-1848.

'90 SUBARU LOYALE

WAGON – 5-spd., “on demand” 4WD, AM/FM cassette. \$1,000 as is. Call Mimi, 240-777-6289 or 301-662-0207.

'99 HYUNDAI ELANTRA GLS – forest green w/tan interior, AM/FM/CD, power doors, windows & sunroof, airbags. 21,500 miles. Must sell. \$10,500/best offer. Call Julia, 301-916-4720, leave message.

'97 PICK-UP TRUCK – Dodge Dakota Club Cab, black, swiss cap, V6. 36k miles. \$13,000. Call Robert, 240-777-5156.

SAILBOAT – Parker-Dawson 26' center cockpit w/Yanmar diesel engine, roller furling and trailer, sleeps five. Good condition. \$7,500. Call 410-544-4455.

SNOW BLOWER – 7 ½ HP, 28". Excellent condition. Cost \$1,000, will sell for \$500. Call 301-530-1649.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT – Total Gym 1100. Similar to one advertised by Chuck Norris and Christie Brinkley, but heavier duty. Folds for closet storage, comes w/video and instruction pamphlet. Paid \$1,000, will sell for \$500. Call Maria, 240-777-9205 or 301-831-8598.

CARDIO GLIDE PLUS – push/pull, low impact “rider” exercise machine w/user's manual. Good condition. \$100. Call 301-460-6757.

SADDLE – Pessoa Jubilee, tags still attached. Regular seat, med. tree, padded flap w/pencil knee roll. \$1,800. Call Betty, 301-438-7581 or Annette, 240-426-0758.

Backpage Bargains

County employees may submit ads, non-commercial only, with name and home and office phone number to Information Office, 4th floor, EOB. **Ads may appear one time only.** Deadline for the next issue is April 27.

COMPUTER DESK – very good condition, \$70. Call Raul, 240-777-8968.

FOR SALE – Kenmore microwave oven, 1.6 cu. ft., w/14" turntable, excellent condition. Also, 42" round oak table w/ceramic tile inserts. Best offers. Call Kathy, 240-777-7387.

PLAY STATION II – brand new, never taken out of box. Includes Madden 2001 football and Nascar 2001 games, and second controller. \$550/best offer. Call Tyrone, 240-687-4114 or 301-773-6274.

WATERBED – king size, wood frame, includes mattress & pad, linens, side rails, headboard and refill kit. Good condition. \$100/best offer. Call Sharon, 240-777-1674.

FURNITURE -- three-piece Shaker dark pine bedroom set w/high 4-poster bed, seven drawer dresser and nightstand. Great condition. Call Jennifer at 301-469-4803.

TEAK BUFFET CABINET -- Rollback doors, shelves and felt-lined drawers, 5'7"L, 21"D, 32"H, mint condition. Paid \$1,500 new, will sell for \$500. Call Glenn, 240-777-7936 or 301-652-5705.

MAKE-UP TABLE – oak w/glass top and one shelf, large lighted mirror, matching stool with beige cushion. Excellent condition. \$95. Call Pat, 240-777-3952 or 301-587-5495.

FOR SALE – go-kart, good condition, only used twice, \$700/best offer. Also, baby bike trailer, used once, cost \$175, will sell

for best offer. Call Tina, 240-777-0032 or 301-773-6274.

FOR SALE – HP Pavilion M50, 15" color monitor, never used, \$120 (\$199 at Best Buy). Also, loveseat, brown, excellent condition, \$75. Bumper

pool table, \$50. Call 240-777-8707 or 240-686-0505.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS – one IBM ThinkPad w/CD-ROM & Windows and one Toshiba w/CD-ROM & Windows, \$499/ea. Also, one laptop bag, \$35. Call Linda, 240-777-6880 or 301-601-0676.

COMPUTER – MacIntosh Performa 6400, 180Mhz, 603e processor, 32MB RAM, 1.6G HD, 28.8 modem, 15" color monitor, color printer. Also inc. joystick, gamepad, games & applications, SRS 3D subwoofer, virtual PC 2.0 emulator. Internet ready. \$499. Call 301-721-0210.

FOR SALE – Grayco playpen, like new \$35. Also, treadmill, \$50. Antique phone chair, \$45. Call 240-777-2582 or 301-963-1577.

FOR SALE – small pet carrier & grooming tools, \$25 for all or best offer. Also, clothing, sizes 10-12 and large and size 11 women's' running shoes, prices negotiable. Call 240-777-4342 or 301-320-0537.

FOR SALE – Cosco high chair, \$10. Call Christy, 240-777-7903.

GARDEN PLOTS FOR RENT – located on Briggs Chaney Rd. Available from mid-March to mid-November and owned by MNCPPC, each plot is 20' x 25' and costs \$25 for season. Call Charlie for more details, 301-434-8265.

WANTED – Jeep Wrangler, under \$5,000 and in great condition. Want automatic, white or dark blue w/soft top. Call 301-351-1346.

TASTE OF WHEATON

**Sunday, May 20
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Reedie Drive and
Ennalls Avenue**



Waste Reduction Tip

For furniture polish, try mixing one part lemon juice to two parts olive oil. Use a soft rag to apply and polish. It's less expensive than commercially available polish and works just as well.